

**MINUTES OF THE
COMMERCE AND WORKFORCE SERVICES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Room S210, Senate Building, State Capitol Complex
February 4, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. David Hinkins, Co-Chairman
Rep. Michael Morley, Co-Chairman
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Jim Bird
Rep. Susan Duckworth
Rep. Jim Dunnigan
Rep. Lynn Hemingway
Rep. Brian King
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Dan Liljenquist

STAFF PRESENT: Danny Schoenfeld, Fiscal Analyst
Karen Mitchell, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of handouts and visitors lists will be filed with committee minutes.

Co-Chair Sen. Hinkins called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Hemingway moved to approve the minutes of January 28, 2009.
The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Commerce

Danny Schoenfeld, Fiscal Analyst, explained the Budget Brief for the Department of Commerce. He stated that the budget has maintained a consistent level of history until fiscal year 2010, which indicates a small decline. In addition, the FTE count for the Department has remained fairly consistent.

The Department of Commerce did not request any budget increase for the fiscal year 2010, but they are asking for Intent Language for the Committee of Consumer Services for Professional and Technical funds be nonlapsing. The Legislature intends that, at the end of the fiscal year, unused funds for the division of Public Utilities lapse to Professional and Technical Services Fund. It is the intent of the Legislature that the Professional and Technical funds for the division of Public Utilities be nonlapsing.

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The Analyst recommends that the committee consider the following: Adopt the base budget amount of \$24.6 million for the Department of Commerce, consider the budget issues raised in the Issue Briefs and adopt the proposed intent language.

The Analyst also mentioned \$246,000 in kind amount state match for Pipeline Safety Grant for the Public Utilities Division.

The Analyst answered questions from committee members.

Francine Giani, Executive Director and Peter Anjewierden, Budget Officer reminded the committee that their Department is a fee based agency thus their budget does not come from the General Fund sources. They expressed appreciation for the Analyst and the amount of time he had spent with them working on budget cuts.

A handout was given to the committee showing online application adoption rates. Ms. Giani explained the chart to the committee. She stated that licensees can go on line from their homes and renew professional licenses. The following Divisions were outlined on the chart showing the renewal rate: Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Division of Real Estate, and Division of Corporations and Commercial Code.

Ms. Giani and Mr. Anjewierden answered questions from the committee.

Labor Commission

The Analyst explained the Labor Commission Fee Schedule. He stated that the FTE count for the Commission had remained fairly stable, having only lost one FTE position. He also noted that there had been a spike in the budget history from 2007 to 2008 because several funds the Commission administers had not been tracked, namely the unemployed insurance fund and employees insurance fund through the Industrial Accidents Division.

There are not building block requests or increases for fiscal year 2010. They are however asking for four Motor Pool vehicles for the Office of Coal Mine Safety and the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Division (UOSH). The Labor Commission may charge credit card fees related to the collection of UOSH penalties and safety inspections to the related "free revenue" accounts.

Sherrie Hayashie, Labor Commissioner, assisted by Dave Lamb, Director, thanked the Analyst for all of his time and effort to work with them on their budget issues.

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Sen. Hinkins noted that he had attended a presentation at the University of Utah on Monday, February 3rd. The University had been given an endowment of \$1.5 million for a Safety Commission Instructor and he thanked the Labor Commission for their efforts on this behalf.

MOTION: Rep. Wilcox moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Sen. Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Sen. David Hinkins

Rep. Michael Morley